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July 27, 2006

Mr. Joshua L. Burnam Regulatory Branch Los Angeles District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 532711 Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325

Dear Mr. Burnam:

ORDER FOR TECHNICALLY-CONDITIONED WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (CORPS), LOS ANGELES DISTRICT (LAD) REGIONAL GENERAL PERMIT (RGP) 67 - BEACH NOURISHMENT IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (CORPS FILE NO. 200401896-JLB)

This Certification Order responds to your request on behalf of the Corps' LAD Regulatory Branch for Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification (Certification) for the subject project.

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## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

RGP 67 authorizes discharges of sand from dredging and upland construction to eroding beaches (beach nourishment). A copy of RGP 67 is included with this Certification as Enclosure 1.

Under RGP 67, potentially eligible projects will need a project-specific Notice to Proceed (NTP) from the Corps before discharging.

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## To qualify for the RGP, an applicant will submit:

- 1. <u>A Draft Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP)</u> for tiered testing pursuant to the Inland Testing Manual ([ITM] Evaluation of Dredged Material Proposed for Discharge in the Waters of the U.S.-Testing Manual, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [USEPA] reference 823-B-98-004, Corps' Office of Water, February 1998).
- 2. <u>Aesthetic Qualities Report</u> on the aesthetic qualities of the proposed discharge material, with a qualitative comparison to the qualities of the receiving beach.
- 3. <u>A Draft Sensitive Aquatic Resource (SAR)Survey</u>, including *Mitigation and Monitoring Reporting Plan* (MMRP) for pre- and post-project monitoring of any SAR's in the vicinity.
- 4. <u>A Sediment Budget Analysis</u> to demonstrate the need for the proposed discharge. The applicant will be required to demonstrate the need for placement of the material at locations determined to be appropriate through larger management efforts, e.g., the Coastal Sediment Management Workgroup (CSMW), or based on an analysis of known sediment budget data for the receiving beach.
- 5. <u>A Biological Impact Report</u> to document how the project will avoid impacts to threatened or endangered species.
- 6. <u>A Transport and Discharge Plan</u> that details operational procedures for the transport and discharge for fill material.

## RGP 67 has the following additional requirements:

- 1. The beach nourishment source material must:
  - a. be comprised of at least 80 per cent sand and have less than 10 per cent sand difference from the receiving beach; and
  - test clean per the requirements of the ITM or be categorically excluded from testing according to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 230.60 (a) and (d); and
  - c. have no negative aesthetic impact on the receiving beach.
- 2. The project must not adversely impact any SAR, and/or the applicant must provide adequate mitigation and post-project monitoring to address such impacts in consultation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries).
  - 3. The project must meet Endangered Species Act restrictions.
  - 4. The applicant must demonstrate a need for the discharge at the site.
  - 5. The applicant must provide any additional data requested by the agencies concerning upland source material.

If the project qualifies, RGP 67 provides that the Corps will transmit a Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) based on the above submittals to the following agencies for a 15-day comment period:

California Coastal Commission (CCC) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

(USEPA)

California Department of Fish and Game National Oceanic and Atmospheric

(CDFG)

Administration (NOAA) Fisheries

State Water Resources Control Board U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

(State Water Board)

Projects that do not meet the terms and conditions of RGP 67, and where issues cannot be resolved informally, would be required to submit an application for a Standard Individual Permit and a project-specific Certification. RGP 67 requires pre- and postconstruction monitoring reporting (as per the MMRP) and a final post-discharge report.

This Certification applies to discharges subject to the terms and conditions of RGP 67. In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State Water Board has adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for certification of RGP 67 (SCH # 2005101086). Discharges conducted in compliance with the terms and conditions of RGP 67, as further limited by the State Water Board's Certification conditions as agreed to by LAD and included in the MND, will not violate water quality standards or have other significant adverse impacts on the environment. See Enclosure 1 for a project information summary.

#### STANDARD CONDITIONS:

The following three standard conditions apply to all certification actions:

- 1. This Certification action is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to section 13330 of the California Water Code and Article 6 (commencing with section 3867) of Chapter 28. Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR 23).
- 2. This Certification action is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any activity involving a hydroelectric facility requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license unless the pertinent certification application was filed pursuant to subsection 3855(b) of Chapter 28, CCR 23, and the application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.
- 3. This Certification is conditioned upon total payment of any fee required under Chapter 28, CCR 23 and owed by the applicant.

#### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

The following additional conditions apply to this Certification Order:

- 1. **PCN.** The Corps shall include the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board(s) (Regional Water Board[s]), the California State Lands Commission, and CSMW in the PCN transmittal.
- 2. **Project-Specific Regional Water Board Certification.** During the PCN review period, the applicable Regional Water Board may notify the Corps and the applicant that it intends to issue individual project-specific certification. Such notification will cancel the eligibility of the project for coverage under this Certification.
- 3. Compliance with Water Quality Control Plans. Discharges shall comply with the California Ocean Plan and the applicable Regional Water Board's Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan).
- 4. **Aesthetics.** The project shall have no significant aesthetic impact on the receiving beach and/or adjacent ocean waters. Impacts to ocean water shall be discussed in the Aesthetics Report required by RGP 67.
- 5. **SAR Survey.** The following marine resources shall be included in the SAR survey and addressed in MMRP:
  - a. <u>Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS)</u>. Discharges of sediment directly into an ASBS shall not occur without approval from a Regional Water Board pursuant to the California Ocean Plan, Section III (E). Turbidity plumes from sediment deposition outside of an ASBS shall not significantly alter natural water quality or harm the marine aquatic life in an ASBS.
  - b. <u>Pismo Clam, Tivela stultorum</u>. Applicant shall contact CDFG, Marine Region (see addresses below) prior to the survey to request current information on local populations and the appropriate survey methods in the project area.
  - c. <u>Grunion, Leuresthes tenuis</u>. If discharges occur between March 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31 <sup>st</sup>, applicant will include a grunion survey in the SAR survey and will comply with the grunion protection measures; measures shall be documented in the MMRP, if submitted, or as a separate Grunion Plan and transmitted to the Corps (see Special Condition No. 6 b.i).
- 6. **Grunion Protection.** If discharges occur between March 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>, applicant shall determine beach habitat suitability for grunion spawning, as follows:
  - Applicant shall evaluate the proposed discharge site no more than 30 days before any discharge for suitability to support successful spawning of California grunion (e.g., adequate beach width above average neap high tide line and/or sand depth greater than five inches). No additional monitoring for grunion will be required for beaches with unsuitable habitat.

If the beach is potentially suitable for grunion spawning:

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- i. The applicant shall consult with CDFG to identify appropriate measures to avoid significant impacts to grunion spawning (e.g., halting or re-directing work or creating protective berms). The measures shall be documented in the MMRP, if submitted, or as a separate Grunion Plan and transmitted to the Corps.
- ii. The applicant shall ensure that a qualified monitor observes the beach for grunion spawning during the dates of predicted runs according to the annual CDFG grunion spawning calendar. Observations shall begin two to three weeks prior to discharge and shall continue through the discharge period. Monitoring shall be initiated on the second night after a new or full moon and continue on the next two nights (three nights of monitoring). The monitoring period shall extend from one (1) hour before the peak high tide to two (2) hours after the peak high tide (at least a three hour duration monitoring period).
- iii. If grunion are present, applicant shall estimate the number of grunion within the project area according to the Walker Scale (<u>Enclosure 2</u>), and the applicant will consult CDFG to select the appropriate measures identified pursuant to Condition b.i above to avoid significant impacts to grunion spawning.
- iv. A report that includes methods, findings, any consultation required during project implementation, and the effectiveness of implemented protective measures shall be submitted as part of the post-discharge monitoring reporting required by RGP 67.
- 7. California least tern, *Sterna antillarum browni*, Breeding Season. No activities authorized under RGP 67 shall be conducted within 1000 yards of a California least tern breeding colony from April 1 through September 30.
- 8. **Transport and Discharge Plan.** The applicant's Transport and Discharge Plan shall include the "Hauling Operations" and "Hazardous Materials Management" measures below in order to qualify for this Certification:

#### a. Hauling Operations

- i. All trucks hauling sand or other loose materials shall be covered or required to maintain at least two feet of freeboard.
- ii. All equipment engines shall be maintained in good condition, in proper tune (according to manufacturer's specifications), and in compliance with all State and federal requirements.
- iii. All operations shall be conducted in compliance with County Air Quality Management District requirements.

#### b. Hazardous Materials Management

i. The Transport and Discharge Operations Plan shall include a "Spill Prevention, Containment and Countermeasures Plan" that specifies fueling

- and equipment maintenance procedures to prevent spills and leaks, and containment and cleanup measures to be followed in the event of a spill.
- ii. All equipment shall be inspected for leaks immediately prior to the start of beach operations and regularly inspected thereafter until project completion. Vehicles with leaks shall not enter the beach area.
- iii. Equipment shall be cleaned and repaired (other than emergency repairs) at least 500 feet from the high tide line. All contaminated water, sludge, spill residue, or other hazardous compounds will be disposed of at a lawfully authorized designation.
- 9. **Daily Turbidity Monitoring.** Turbidity shall be monitored daily by a qualified observer from a high vantage point (e.g., a lifeguard tower) during construction. If significant water quality impacts are evident, then the discharge activities shall be modified or suspended as follows:
  - a. If visual monitoring indicates turbidity greater than ambient one-half mile from the discharge site (either offshore or downcoast) on two (2) consecutive days, then:
    - i. the monitor shall immediately advise the Regional Water Board, Corps, CDFG, CSMW, and NOAA Fisheries contacts identified in Special Condition No. 13 below by telephone or email; and
    - ii. the discharger shall comply with any measures identified by the Regional Water Board, in consultation with other responsible agencies as appropriate, to mitigate project-related turbidity, including modifying or halting discharge.
  - b. If turbidity persists on the third day, the monitor shall commence daily water clarity testing and reporting to the Regional Water Board and other agency contacts identified in Special Condition No. 9. a.i (see Special Condition No. 10. e. below for reporting requirements). Testing shall consist of measuring transmission of light through the water using a transmissometer. Daily testing shall continue until no project-related turbidity is detectable (i.e., until offshore and downcoast readings return to ambient). Testing shall be designed to document the areal extent and concentration of the turbidity plume at the time of day it is most developed, and shall include at least: samples taken as close as practicable to the discharge site, one-half mile upcoast of the discharge site. one-half mile offshore from the discharge site, and one-half mile downcoast of the discharge site (minimum four samples). Sampling shall be done at mid-depth in the water column. These sampling protocols may be modified with the Regional Water Board's written approval. The applicant shall document logistical arrangements for such potential water quality sampling and shall include draft quality assurance/quality control protocols in the project's MMRP or, if this is not required to be submitted, then as part of a "Turbidity Monitoring Plan" in the RGP 67 application.
  - c. If turbidity is greater than ambient one-half mile from the discharge site (either offshore or downcoast) for five (5) consecutive days, the discharge shall be halted or modified to reduce turbidity.

## 10. Reporting.

- a. <u>Format</u>. All reports shall be submitted in electronic and paper format. Maps should be at a scale of at least 1:24000 (1" = 2,000').
- b. <u>Georeferencing</u>. Survey and monitoring location information shall be georeferenced with latitude/longitude in degrees/minutes/seconds (DMS) to the nearest ½ second or decimal degrees (DD) to four decimals (0.0001 degree).
- c. <u>SAR Survey and MMRP</u>. The SAR survey and the MMRP shall be submitted by the applicant to the appropriate Regional Water Board(s), CDFG, CSMW, USFWS, and NOAA Fisheries (see addresses below) when transmitted to the Corps. Maps of sites covered in the MMRP shall be included.
- d. Monitoring Reports. The applicant shall send the pre- and post-project monitoring reports specified in the MMRP to the appropriate Regional Water Board(s), CDFG, CSMW, USFWS, and NOAA Fisheries when transmitted to the Corps. If post-project monitoring demonstrates adverse effects to sensitive marine resources, any additional monitoring and/or mitigation plans for the discharge shall be developed by the Corps in consultation with the appropriate Regional Water Board(s), CDFG, USFWS, and NOAA Fisheries.
- e. <u>Daily Turbidity Reports</u>. During construction, the applicant shall send the daily turbidity reports specified in Special Condition No. 9. a.iii to the applicable Regional Water Board(s) and the CSMW. Daily reports shall document any consultation with agencies and shall include a map of the daily maximum plume area, documented with digital photographs. The following information shall be included as a minimum: date, weather conditions (temperature, wind speed, cloud cover, rain), surf conditions (wave height, swell direction), recreational beach use (number of people and distribution), and turbidity level (murky, slightly murky, average, clear). If measurements with a transmissometer are taken (see Special Condition 9. a.iii. above), the report shall include the date, time, methodology, weather conditions, ocean conditions, and meter readings. Transmissometer reports shall be sent to the agencies identified in Special Condition 9. a.i. above
- f. <u>Final Post-Discharge Report</u> shall be sent by the applicant to the State Water Board, appropriate Regional Water Boards, CDFG, CSMW, USFWS, and NOAA Fisheries when transmitted to the Corps. The report shall include the information required by RGP 67 and the following additional information:
  - All information collected by the permittee as required by the Special Conditions of this Certification. The report shall indicate whether all Special Conditions were met. Any violations of the Certification shall be explained in detail,
  - ii. A map of the discharge site boundaries with latitude/longitude coordinates for the center of the site (see "b" above), and
  - iii. total acreage of the discharge to two decimals.

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#### 11. Violations.

- a. <u>Report of Violation</u>. Violation of any term or condition of this Certification shall be reported in writing to the affected Regional Water Board within 24 hours. The Report of Violation shall contain:
  - i. a description of the violation and its cause;
  - ii. the period of the violation event, including dates and times, and if the violation has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and
  - iii. steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the violation.
- b. Remedies. In the event of any violation or threatened violation of the conditions of this Certification, the violation or threatened violation shall be subject to any remedies, penalties, processes, or sanctions as provided for under State law. For purposes of Clean Water Act section 401(d), the applicability of any State law authorizing remedies, penalties, processes, or sanctions for the violation or threatened violation constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with water quality standards and the pertinent requirements incorporated into this Certification Order.
  - i. In response to suspected violation of any condition of this Certification, the State Water Board may require the holder of any permit or license subject to this Certification to furnish, under penalty of perjury, all technical or monitoring reports the State Water Board deems appropriate, provided that the burden, including cost of the reports, shall be in reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits to be obtained from the reports.
  - ii. In response to any violation of the conditions of this Certification, the State Water Board may add to or modify the conditions of this Certification as appropriate to ensure compliance.
- c. <u>Access</u>. Representatives of the State or Regional Water Boards shall be allowed access to discharge and mitigation areas to determine environmental condition and compliance with the terms and conditions of this Certification.
- 12. **Certification Expiration Date.** This Certification will take effect on the date the Corps issues RGP 67 and will remain in effect for five years or until the expiration or retraction of RGP 67, whichever occurs first.

#### 13. Contact Information.

#### 1. State and Regional Water Boards

Required notifications and reports shall be directed to the Certification and Wetlands Program Manager at the State Water Board and the appropriate Regional Water Board offices, at the following addresses:

State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Unit 1001 "I" Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95814 Tel: (916) 341-5506

Central Coast Region 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101 San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 Tel: (805) 549-3147

Los Angeles Region 320 West Fourth Street, Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90013 Tel: (213) 576-6600 Santa Ana Region California Tower 3737 Main Street, Suite 500 Riverside, CA 92501-3339 Tel: (951) 782-4130

San Diego Region 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92123 Tel: (858) 467-2952

## 2. Other State and Federal Agencies:

California Department of Fish and Game Marine Region Office 4665 Lampson Ave, Suite C Los Alamitos, CA 90720 Tel: (562) 342-7100 Fax: (562) 342-7139

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Project Manager
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Santa Rosa, CA 95401
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NOAA Fisheries 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200 Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 Tel: (562) 980-4043 Fax: (562) 980-4018

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office 2493 Portola Road, Suite B Ventura, CA 93003 Tel: (805) 644-1766 Fax: (805) 644-3958

#### WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:

I hereby issue an order certifying that discharges from the referenced project, conducted in compliance with the terms and conditions of this Certification, shall comply with the applicable provisions of sections 301 (Effluent Limitations), 302 (Water Quality Related Effluent Limitations), 303 (Water Quality Standards and Implementation Plans), 306 (National Standards of Performance), and 307 (Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Standards) of the Clean Water Act, and with other applicable requirements of State law.

Except insofar as may be modified by any preceding conditions, all Certification actions are contingent on (a) the discharge being limited and all proposed mitigation being completed in strict compliance with the applicant's project description and the enclosed Project Information Sheet, and (b) compliance with all applicable requirements of the Regional Water Board's Basin Plan.

If you have questions regarding this Certification, please direct them to Bill Orme, Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Unit, at (916) 341-5464 (borme@waterboards.ca.gov.) You may also contact Oscar Balaguer, Chief, Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Unit, at (916) 341-5485 (obalaguer@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely

Celeste<sup>(</sup>Cantú Executive Director

**Enclosures** 

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Mr. Tim Vendlinski, Chief Wetland Regulatory Office U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105

Mr. Roger Briggs, Executive Officer Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101 San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-7906

Mr. Jonathan Bishop, Executive Officer Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board 320 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90013

Mr. Gerard J. Thibeault, Executive Officer Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board 3737 Main Street, Suite 500 Riverside, CA 92501-3339

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# PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

1.	Applicant:	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
,	Agent:	Joshua L. Burnam U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District Regulatory Branch P.O. Box 532711 Los Angeles, California 90053-2325
2.	Project Name:	Regional General Permit (RGP) 67 for Opportunistic Beach Nourishment in Southern California by the Regulatory Branch, Los Angeles District (LAD), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps)
	Purpose:	The Regulatory Branch, LAD, Corps proposes to streamline the regulatory procedures for permitting of beach discharge ("nourishment") activities within the LAD to address sediment deficits and coastal erosion on local beaches and provide a beneficial reuse of dredged or upland material.
	Description:	RGP 67 is designed to obtain surplus sand from upland construction, development, or dredging projects in the region and place it on Southern California beaches for nourishment use. The purpose is to capitalize on opportunities to obtain beach-quality sand from construction projects and other sources when it becomes available. In order to qualify for the RGP and subsequent issuance of a Notice To Proceed, an applicant would be required to submit the following information as part of a complete application: (1) Draft Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP); (2) Aesthetic Qualities Report; (3) Draft Sensitive Aquatic Resource (SAR) Survey; (4) Sediment Budget Analysis; (5) Biological Impact Report; and (6) Transport and Discharge Plan.

	Description Continued	The Corps will prepare a Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) transmittal containing detailed information pursuant to the list above, and this transmittal would be provided to the following agencies for a 15-day comment period: the California Coastal Commission; California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG); State Water Board, appropriate Regional Water Board(s); Coastal Sediment Management Workgroup, California State Lands Commission, U.S Environmental Protection Agency; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). If any adverse impacts to Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) or threatened or endangered species were identified, the Corps would initiate the required consultations with the resource agencies and consider the need for alternate permitting strategies. Projects that do not meet the terms and conditions of RGP 67, and where issues cannot be resolved informally, would be required to submit an application for a Standard Individual Permit, and a project-specific Certification.
3.	Receiving Water(s) Name	Pacific Ocean from Morro Bay south to the border with Mexico.
4.	Hydrologic Unit(s)	Potentially any coastal hydrologic unit from Morro Bay south to the border with Mexico.
5.	Latitude/ Longitude	Will be reported for each project under RGP 67.
6.	Water Body Type(s) & Area of Filled / Excavated Waters (Acres)	Ocean: Fill is unknown at this time but will be reported for each project under RGP 67. All impacts will be temporary.
7.	Dredge Volume (CY)	Dredge volume is unknown at this time but will be reported for each project under RGP 67.
8.	Federal Permit(s)	Corps RGP 67 Permit No 200401896 JLB.

## 9. Non-Compensatory Mitigation

RGP 67 requires that the applicant:

- Document in the SAP that the proposed material for beach discharge is comprised of at least 80 percent sand (e.g., the fines percent [silt and clay fraction] cannot exceed 20 percent), and that the fines fraction is within 10 percent of the sand on the receiving beach (e.g., if the fines fraction on the beach is 5 percent, fines in discharge material cannot exceed 15 percent).
- The discharge material must test clean per the requirements of the Inland Testing Manual, or be categorically excluded from testing according to the 40 CFR exclusions.
- The discharge material must have no significant negative aesthetic impact on the receiving beach.
   The State Water Board is requiring that this also applies to adjacent ocean waters.
- The project must include a SAR survey and must provide adequate mitigation and post-project monitoring to address any impacts to SAR sites in consultation with the Corps, Regional Water Board(s), CDFG, USFWS, and NOAA Fisheries. The State Water Board is requiring that locations of potentially affected Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) be identified in the SAR survey and addressed in the Mitigation and Monitoring Reporting Plan. Discharges of sediment shall not occur directly into an ASBS without approval from a Regional Water Board pursuant to the California Ocean Plan, Section III (E). Turbidity plumes from sediment deposition outside of an ASBS shall not alter natural water quality or harm the marine aquatic life in an ASBS.
- The project must avoid activities within any estuary or lagoon.
- The project must meet specified RGP 67 plant and animal restrictions.
- The applicant must establish a need for the discharge at the proposed location.
- The applicant must provide any additional data requested by the reviewing agencies including data on upland source material.
- The applicant must provide a Coastal Consistency Certification from the California Coastal

		Commission.
9.	Non- Compensatory Mitigation Continued	The applicant must ensure that all discharges comply with applicable provisions of the California Ocean Plan and the Regional Water Board's Water Quality Control Plans.
•		<ul> <li>In addition, this Certification adds additional terms and conditions for the following (see this Certification for specific measures):</li> <li>Agency Notification;</li> <li>Reporting;</li> <li>Hauling Operations;</li> <li>Hazardous Materials Management;</li> <li>Turbidity Monitoring;</li> <li>Grunion;</li> <li>Pismo clam; and</li> <li>Least tern breeding season.</li> </ul>
10.	Compensatory Mitigation	N/A
11.	Additional Information	In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the State Water Quality Control Board has adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for certification of RGP 67 (SCH # 2005101086).

## The Walker Scale for Assessment of Grunion Runs Developed by K. Martin, M. Schaadt, and S. Laurenz-Miller, 2001

Scale	Numbers of grunion	Duration	<b>Descriptor</b>
W-0	no fish or only a few individuals, no spawning	under 1 hr	not a run
W-1	10 100 fish scattered on beach at a time, some spawning	under 1 hr	light run
W-2	100 – 500 fish spawning at different times, fish ashore with many of the large waves	under 1 hr	good run
W-3	Hundreds of fish spawning at once in several areas of beach	to 1 hr	strong run
W-4	Thousands of fish together, little sand visible between fish	to 1 hr	excellent run
W-5	Fish covering the beach several individuals deep, a silver lining along the surf	more than 1 hr	incredible run